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SEEKING SANCTION OF ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

REFS: A) PARIS 25558; B) PARIS 25712

1. FYI: DRAFT RESOLUTION (18 C/SHC/4) ON ISRAELI
EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM, AND IN PARTICULAR, OPERATIVE
PARA. 3, INVITING DG "TO WITHHOLD ASSISTANCE FROM ISRAEL
IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE UNTIL SUCH
TIME AS IT SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTS THE AFOREMENTIONED
RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS", HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR
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USG AND OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TYPE OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER

SUPPORT WHICH WE PROVIDE TO UNESCO AND OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS. DEPT. HAS ALREADY HAD NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ON THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION. WE ARE FRANKLY CONCERNED THAT IF RESOLUTION PASSES IN CURRENT FORM, PARTICULARLY WITH OBJECTIONABLE OPERATIVE PARAS. ON SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION AND ACTIONS WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY SEVERE AS TO AFFECT OUR CONTINUING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. END FYI.

2. TO UNDERLINE THE UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE WHICH THE U. S.

ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS ROY MOREY IS BEING REROUTED ON WAY TO UN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME SO AS TO ARRIVE IN PARIS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

(ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS BY SEPTEL.) DEPT. REQUESTS THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO CALL UPON DG MAHEU, DG DESIGNATE M'BOW, AND DEPUTY DG JOHN FOBES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3. PURPOSE OF MOREY'S DEMARCHE WITH THESE THREE TOP UNESCO OFFICIALS WILL BE TO STRESS UTTER SERIOUSNESS USG ATTACHES TO ISRAELI SANCTIONS AND GRAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON U.S. DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR UNESCO. MOREY WILL BE SEEKING THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT ON REMOVAL SANCTIONS LANGUAGE IN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH REMOVAL COULD BE CRUCIAL GOOD U.S. RELATIONS WITH UNESCO.

3. AT SAME TIME, U.S. DEL REQUESTED EXPLORE/WITH ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE BAR YAAKOV, WITH KEY MODERATE ARABS, WITH LATIN AMERICANS SUCH AS MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CENCINO, WHO SHARES USG VIEW THAT RESOLUTION IS TOO DRASTIC, AND WITH WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS WHO CAN BE HELPFUL.

4. SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR U.S. DEL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION:

A) TALK AGAIN TO THE SAUDI, EGYPTIANS, LEBANESE, AND OTHER MODERATE ARABS. SEE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO SOFTEN THE LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION. SAY THAT WE RESPECT THEIR VIEWS, BUT WE MUST TELL THEM FRANKLY THAT ANY EXTREME RESOLUTION INVOLVING SANCTIONS IS BOUND TO HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT

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FOR UNESCO AT A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE ORGANIZATION'S EVOLUTION. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN MERITS OF CASE IN HAND CLEARLY DO NOT SUPPORT SUCH A RESOLUTION. UNESCO DG'S REP. HAS GIVEN ISRAEL GOOD MARKS ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS ISSUE. AN EXTREME RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON GENERAL U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UN AND OTHER IMPORTANT UN AGENCIES, AS WELL AS ON U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD US-ARAB RELATIONS.

B) SOUND OUT ISRAELI REP. ON FOLLOWING:IF U.S. NEEDS
TO OFFER QUID PRO QUO IN ORDER TO GET ARAB REPS. TO
SOFTEN THEIR RESOLUTION, THAT
IS, REMOVE SANCTIONS, MIGHT
GOI BE WILLING TO AGREE TO RECEIVE ANOTHER UNESCO MISSION,
PERHAPS INCLUDING LEMAIRE, TO REVIEW AGAIN SITUATION ON
SITES IN JERUSALEM AND TO REPORT BACK TO THIS CONFERENCE.
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